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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Max Aebi <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.	7179
Serial No.	09/879,911	Art Unit:	3731
Filed:	June 14, 2001	Examiner:	Reip, David Owen
For:	SPINAL DISC SPACE DISTRATOR	Attorney Docket:	008932-471-999

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2-19AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated December 16, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the above-captioned application.

A fee of \$54.00 for added claims is believed due with this submission. Please charge this and any other fee(s) which may be required to Jones Day deposit account no. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.